

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11, 14, 17-23, and 25 are amended to improve clarity, to correct typographical errors, to correct antecedent basis, and to remove unnecessary elements. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants also respectfully submit that the amendments, which do not add any additional elements from the specification into the claims, do not necessitate a new search by the Examiner. Claims 3, 9, and 10 were canceled in previous responses. As such, Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 11-26 are now pending in this application.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In section 3 of the Office Action, Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,466,550 to Foster et al. (hereinafter “Foster”). Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in view of the claim amendments.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite that “the voice data is included in the second data packet based at least in part on a determination by the conference call server that a third data packet received from the second terminal includes the voice data.” On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Foster “does not disclose ... decoding a first data packet with voice data and determining that the first data packet includes voice data ... as in claim 14.” For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11 is in condition for allowance. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). For at least the same reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 12 and 13, which depend from Claim 11, also be withdrawn.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 14-26 are in condition for allowance. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting the allowable subject matter. As discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending

claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

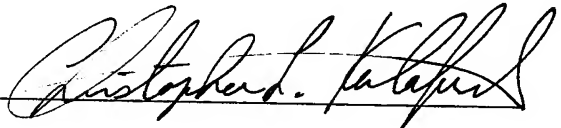
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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